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CIA Director Charges NBC

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BROKAW: CIA Director William Casey charged today that a report broadcast by NBC News violated a 1950 law against disclosing information about communications intelligence. This law has never before been used against a news organization. Casey referred the matter to the Justice Department.

The news report by James Polk was aired on NBC's Today program this morning. It detailed the charges against Ronald Pelton, who is accused of spying. The report said that he gave the Soviets information about electronic eavesdropping done by U.S. submarines.

NBC News said it was referring this matter to its legal counsel.